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Virginia Aviation Board
Workshop
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MINUTES OF THE VIRGINIA AVIATION BOARD WORKSHOP – AUGUST 21, 2002, 1:30 P.M.
RAMADA PLAZA RESORT OCEANFRONT, 5700 ATLANTIC AVENUE, VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA

MEMBERS PRESENT

George P. Ramsey, III, Chairman
John G. Dankos, Jr.
Robert H. Neitz
Emmit F. Yearly
Bob L. Johnson
John V. Mazza, Jr.
Roger L. Oberndorf

OTHER PRESENT

Ralph M. Davis, Deputy Secretary of Transportation

Airport Managers and Sponsors, Department of Aviation Staff, FAA, Consultants, Virginia Resources Authority

Mr. Ramsey called the meeting to order.

Mr. Cliff Burnette, Airport Planner – DOAV, updated the Virginia Air Transportation System Plan (VATSP).
See attached.

Mr. Pete Ramsey discussed budget issues concerning the holding in advance of all Aviation Special Funds (ASF). He reported that ASF are currently deferred because of the budget crisis. The Department of Planning and Budget notified Secretary Whit Clement, Secretary of Transportation, to defer all funding, including entitlement and discretionary (GA and Air Carrier Reliever). Also, special funds for maintenance were frozen last week. Due to budget constraints in the Commonwealth, all agencies are being asked to submit budget cuts up to as much as 15% by September 20, 2002. Cuts will occur, but at this point no one knows how they effect DOAV programs. Mr. Ralph Davis, Deputy Secretary of Transportation, discussed the factors that led up to this situation. Mr. Charles Macfarlane, Director - DOAV, pledged to fight to preserve aviation funds. Everyone is working hard to see that we do not loose any FFY 2002 federal dollars (\$9.5 million). All federal grant agreements must be executed by September 30th or the funds are lost.

Mr. Ramsey recommend that the Board proceed to review the Department's recommendations on projects in each of the 7 Regions so that when money is available, hopefully by the October meeting, the recommendations would have already been reviewed and the funds can be quickly allocated.

Mr. Jim Bland, DOAV presented the Department's recommendations for the Commonwealth Airport Funds for Regions 4, 5, 6, and 7.

Applications for Loan: Mecklenburg-Brunswick Regional Airport (Region 6) in the amount of \$244,000.00 and Chesapeake Regional Airport (Region 7) in the amount of \$454,000.00. The Department recommended that the Board recommend approval to Virginia Resources Authority for this loan.

At the completion of presentations for projects in Regions 4, 5, 6, and 7, Mr. Ramsey announced that Regions 1, 2, and 3 would be presented for consideration on Thursday, August 22, 2002 at 9:00 am.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTACHMENTS